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LOYOLA HOSTS O.S.L. BASKETBALL SHOWDOWNS

The Ottawa-St. Lawrence Athletic Association's Basketball Championships will take place this weekend at Loyola College.

Heavy favorites to take the honors for the second consecutive year are the host Warriors. Compiling yet another unblemished record of 15-0 which brings their unbeaten string to 42 straight regular season wins. Way out in front in team scoring and defence, they have to be ruled strong contenders for a repeat performance.

Participating for the first time in five years is Howie Nathan's Sir George Georgians who ended the season with a 7-3 record good enough to take fourth place ahead of Royal Military College.

The two other teams competing will be Macdonald College and Sherbrooke Vert et Or, both with 3-7 records. Baker's Clansmen were runner-ups to Loyola and will draw Sherbrooke in the semi-finals. There is plenty of scoring punch on all four teams. Macdonald has the league's top scorer in Jim Guild, while Sir George have Rich Campoli and Jim Aithen, both second team all-stars.

Loyola boasts first team all-stars Earl Lewis and Gene Lawrence who control the boards as well as being most competent in scoring.

The semi-finals will be held on Friday night, February 27th, starting at 6:30 when Loyola faces Sir George. Immediately following is the Macdonald - Sherbrooke tilt. The next night sees the final starting at 3:00 when the winners of the two games square off for the championship. This schedule has been arranged so as not to conflict with the league's hockey championship the same weekend.

Tickets are now on sale at Loyola's Athletic Complex and before game time. Student tickets are \$1.00, adults are \$1.50 each.

The winner of the final game will also get a chance to compete in the Canadian National Finals to be held March 12th-14th in Hamilton at McMaster University.